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Matt,

Re: Aida claim 1: This invention requires the addition of (G) a polyfunctional unsaturated monomer. Types of this monomer are given in claim 5, in the examples, and also 5: 45-60. At 8: 54 – 64 Aida explains that this monomer is used as a rheological control agent, as it allows a product to be obtained which varies from a slightly to an extremely crosslinked state thereby controlling the degree of product elasticity.

Our invention does not require or use this monomer. We have rewritten claim 1 as follows:

DRAFT CLAIM (May 16, 2006)

1. The method for forming lignocellulosic thermoplastic composite products such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the method consisting of: mixing a boron containing fungicide with lignocellulosic materials, thermoplastics, and other additives selected from the group of lubricants, process aids, foaming agents, crosslinking agents, stabilizers, and inorganic fillers to produce a homogeneous composite material prior to forming said composite product.

Please let us know when we can contact you regarding this draft version of claim 1.

Thank you, Stephen Bales